



# St. Thomas Police Service

## BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Search of Premises
Policy Number:	LE – 011
Effective Date:	April 1, 2024
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Authorized:	Police Services Board

### AUTHORITY/LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

- *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1*
- *Ontario Regulation 392/23 – Adequate and Effective Policing (General)*

### POLICY STATEMENT

The St. Thomas Police Services Board (the “Board”) is committed to ensuring that searches of premises conducted by the St. Thomas Police Service are carried out in strict compliance with applicable legislation, constitutional protections, and judicially established legal principles.

Searches of premises represent a significant intrusion upon individual privacy interests and must therefore be conducted in a lawful, proportionate, and professionally accountable manner.

### POLICY APPLICATION

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to searches of premises that the Chief of Police shall:
  - a. establish procedures governing the application for, authorization, and execution of search warrants and other lawful authorities to search premises;
  - b. ensure that members of the Service comply with all legal, constitutional, and case law requirements relating to searches of premises;
  - c. ensure that members receive appropriate training and guidance respecting legal authorities, investigative procedures, and officer safety considerations associated with searches of premises; and
  - d. ensure that appropriate accountability, documentation, and reporting practices are maintained in relation to searches conducted by members of the Service.